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Validity Study of SNIE 65-58  
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and

SNIE 65-59  
Likelihood of Indonesian Armed Action  
Against West New Guinea  
Published 10 February 1959

The attached validity study of SNIE 65-58 and SNIE 65-59 was noted by the Intelligence Board on 18 December 1959 (USIB-M-70, item 9. b. ).



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1. In the main SNIE 65-58 has held up well. In general, the estimates concerning probable Indonesian Communist Party tactics, the rebellion in the outer islands and the economy have been borne out by events.
2. The Communist reaction to the postponement of the elections was considerably more mild than we estimated. The estimate erred in indicating that Sukarno would probably seek to consolidate and strengthen the non-Communist parties to balance the growing electoral strength of the Communists. Instead, he has continued efforts to weaken the non-Communist parties and has depended more upon the army as a counter-weight to the Communists.
3. SNIE 65-59 has proven to be valid and we would make no important substantive changes in it today.

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